provided in the 1987-88 budget; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER of STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) The Central Budget for 1987-88 has given reliefs through direct reduction in duty rates or through extension of MODVAT on a number of items of common consumption. The Government has impressed upon the manufacturers to pass on the benefits of tax concessions to the consumers. The Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies convened a meeting of representatives of trade and industry on 4-4-1987 to review the progress made in this regard. The representatives of trade and industry in the meeting agreed to take steps to reduce prices and also to publicise such reductions. It may, however, be borne in mind that the market prices are determined by a multiplicity of factors acting on supply and demand and not only on the changes in the rates of duty.

**Clearance of Serials by Doordarshan**

223. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of serials awaiting release by the Doordarshan;

(b) whether Government propose to restrict the number of episodes uniformally for every serial and also obtain the script of all the episodes before the clearance of the serial; and

(c) what is the number of episodes initially cleared for Buniyad and when is the serial stated to conclude?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The exact number of serials awaiting release cannot be arrived at as this depends upon the approval of pilots which are being submitted from time to time.

(b) The Government has formed guidelines for sponsored programmes on Doordarshan with effect from July 18, 1986. According to the guidelines, ordinarily, the number of episodes to be approved for telecast for different categories of serials is as follows:—

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| (a) Soap Opera | .. 52 |
| (b) Serials based on long novels | .. 26 |
| (c) Other serials | .. 13 |
| (d) Mini-serials | .. less than 13 |

Doordarshan, however, has the right to determine the number of episodes of a particular programme before communicating initial approval. Before giving concept approval to a sponsored serial, Dordarshan obtains the break-up of the story in episodes and broad line of treatment, complete synopsis of each episode and detailed scenario script of atleast one episode. Before the programme is telecast, Doordarshan obtains atleast 4 episodes in advance at a time and previews them.

(c) The serial 'Buniyaad' was initially cleared for 104 episodes. The serial is expected to conclude on 26-5-87.

**Credit deposit ratio of banks in Gujarat**

224. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the credit deposit ratio of the Commercial banks in Gujarat is lower than the all India CDR;

(b) what is the CDR of the Commercial Banks, statewise, and what steps are being proposed to improve CDR in the states where it is lower than the all India ratio; and